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HAVE YOUR SAY!

## WESTERN TOAD

*Anaxyrus boreas*

Should western toad remain listed as a  
**THREATENED** species in the NWT?

**Threatened** means western toad is likely to become Endangered if nothing is done to reverse the factors putting it at risk.

Western toad was first added to the **NWT List of Species at Risk** in 2016.

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The western toad is a large green-brown toad with bumps on its back and legs and a light stripe down its back. In the NWT, they are at the northern edge of their range and are only found in the Liard River basin.

The main threat to western toad is disease. In the NWT, chytridiomycosis (a fungal disease) has been found in western toads and there is evidence of ranavirus within the toad's range in the NWT. A disease outbreak could be harmful to the western toad population, in particular if there are other stressors or threats (e.g., drought, wildfire) that reduce immunity to diseases.

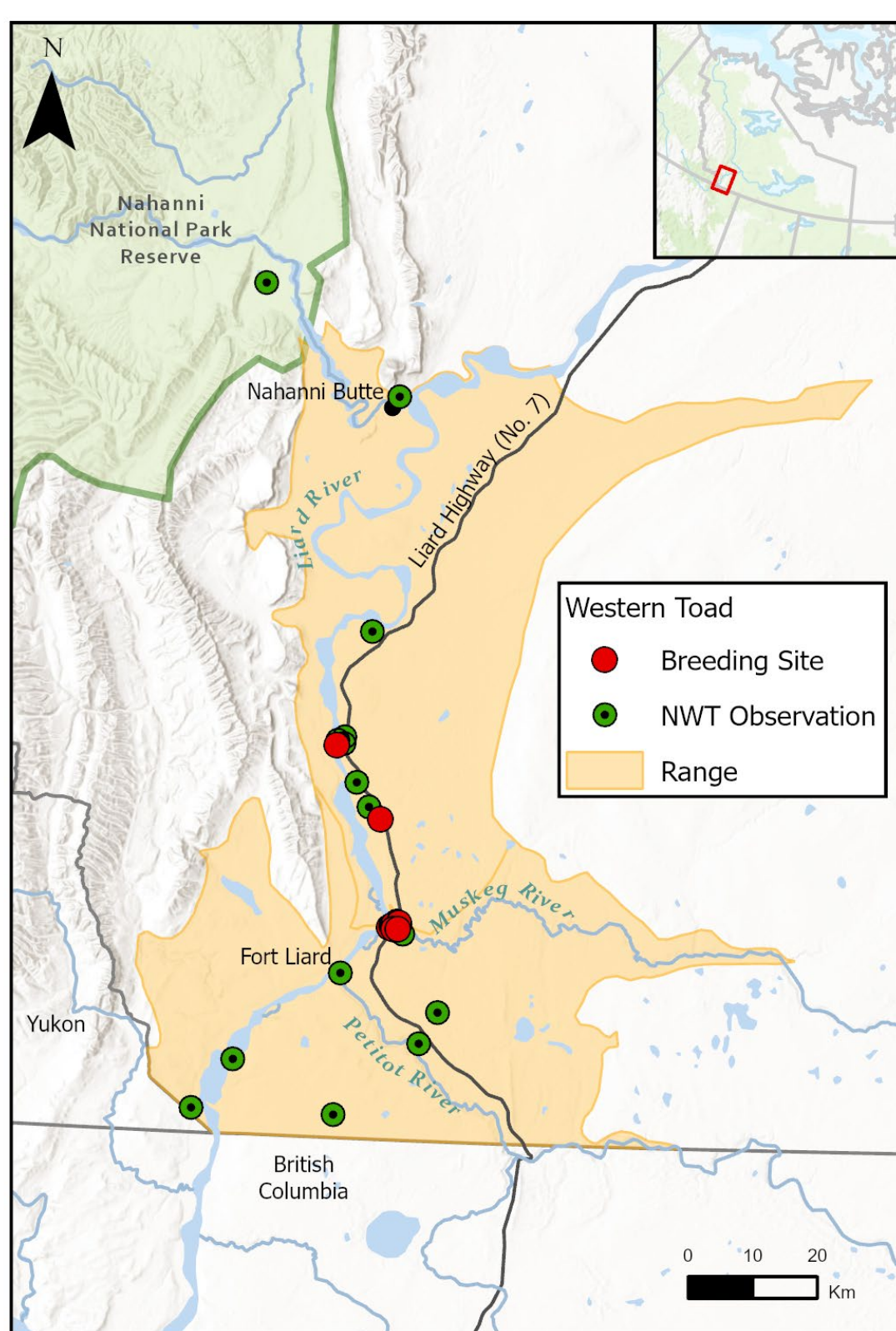
In 2025, the NWT Species at Risk Committee (SARC) assessed the western toad as **Threatened** in the NWT based on the species' small range and sensitivity to threats. Western toads are long-lived, and females may only breed once in their lifetime, which limits their ability to recover from population declines.

The **NWT Species at Risk Committee** (SARC) is an independent group of experts who hold Indigenous and community knowledge, and/or scientific knowledge about species and habitat in the NWT. They assess species based on the best available information and objective biological criteria.

Read the assessment report and learn more about western toads:

[www.nwt-species-at-risk.ca](http://www.nwt-species-at-risk.ca)





## RE-LISTING WESTERN TOAD

The **Management Plan for Amphibians in the NWT** was finalized in 2017 and provides an action-oriented planning tool to maintain healthy and viable populations of amphibian species across their NWT range. If western toad is re-listed as **Threatened** in the NWT, this plan will continue to guide co-management partners on how to support the survival of the species.

- Read the [NWT amphibians progress report \(2017-2021\)](#)
- Read the [Management Plan for Amphibians in the NWT](#)

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- Should western toad remain on the NWT List of Species at Risk as a **Threatened** species? Why or why not?
- Western toad has been listed as a **Threatened** species in the NWT since 2016. How has the listing affected you or your community? Would extending the listing for another 10 years have positive or negative impacts? What would they be?
- Is there new or missing information that was not considered in the latest **status report for western toad**? If so, can you provide it to us or tell us where to find it?

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